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Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>000515-230</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re P	atent	Application of)			
Hans EÉN			Group Art Unit: 3761			
Application No.: 10/022,738		No.: 10/022,738) Examiner: Karin M. Reichle			
Filed:	Dec	ember 20, 2001) Confirmation No.: 5629			
For:		SORBENT PRODUCT COMPRISING AKAGE BARRIERS))))			
		AMENDMENT/REPLY T	RANSMITTAL LETTER			
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E	nclos	ed is a reply for the above-identified pa	atent application.			
D	K] A	A Petition for Extension of Time is also	enclosed.			
[_	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.				
[2	K] A	Also enclosed is/are Replacement Drawings				
[] 5	Small entity status is hereby claimed.				
Į		Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).				
	[] Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.					
	[Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	, on, for which continued examination is			
	[does not exceed three months from	f action by the Office until at least, which the filing of this RCE, in accordance with ed fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.			

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- [] A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- [] No additional claim fee is required.
- [X] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

		AMENDED	CLAIM	\mathbf{S} $\hat{\mathbf{S}}$	
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'L FEE
Total Claims	26	MINUS 20 =	6	× \$18.00 (1202) =	\$108.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	
If Amendment adds mu	iltiple depend	lent claims, add \$29	00.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$108.00
If small entity status is	claimed, sub	tract 50% of Total	Claim Amend	ment Fee	
TOTAL ADDITIONA	L CLAIM I	EE DUE FOR TH	IS AMENDM	IENT	\$108.00

[X]	A check in the amou	nt of \$ 108.00	is enclosed	for the	e fee	due
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account N	lo. 02-4800.			

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

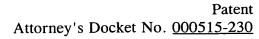
Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:					

In response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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